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opening data attempts to  
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A report by the Standish Group (from 2008) states that adoption of open-source software models has resulted in savings of about \$60 billion per year to consumers.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

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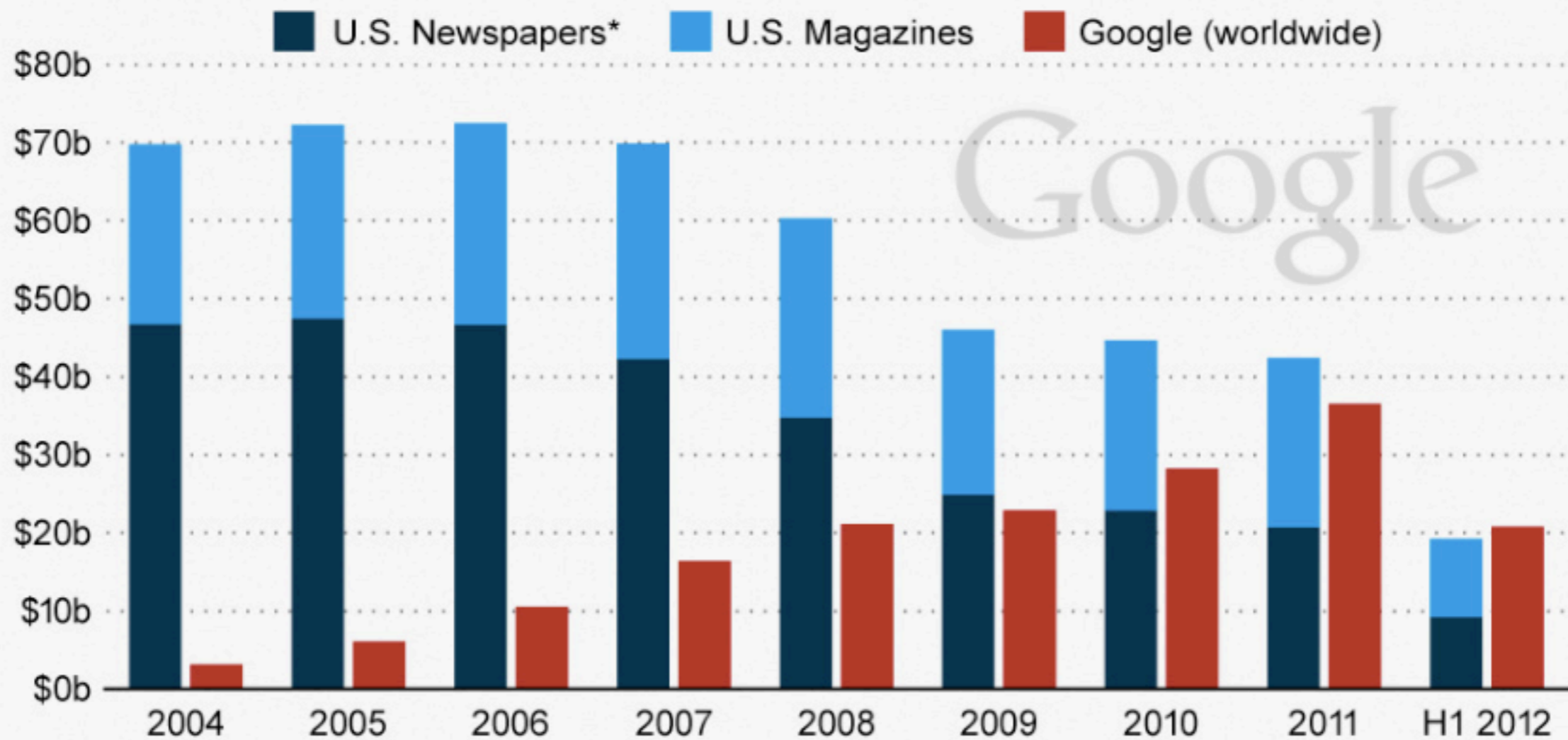
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# Google Rakes In More Ad Dollars Than U.S. Print Media

Advertising revenue in billion U.S. dollars



\* Excludes advertising on newspaper websites

## Market share of the main internet portals

### Share of global internet ad expenditure (%)

|              | 2006        | 2007        | 2008        | 2009        | 2010        |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Google       | 34.9        | 40.3        | 42.5        | 41.9        | 44.1        |
| Microsoft    | 8.1         | 7.9         | 4.2         | 4.0         | 4.0         |
| Yahoo!       | 18.7        | 14.9        | 11.7        | 9.6         | 8.3         |
| AOL          | 6.3         | 5.5         | 4.2         | 2.2         | 1.5         |
| Facebook     | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.6         | 1.4         | 3.1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>68.1</b> | <b>68.9</b> | <b>63.2</b> | <b>59.2</b> | <b>61.0</b> |

Overall the internet represents only 16 percent of global ad revenue according to ZenithOptimedia. TV, by comparison, is 40.2 percent of all ad expenditures. Hence Google's interest in building YouTube into a *bona fide* TV/cable alternative.

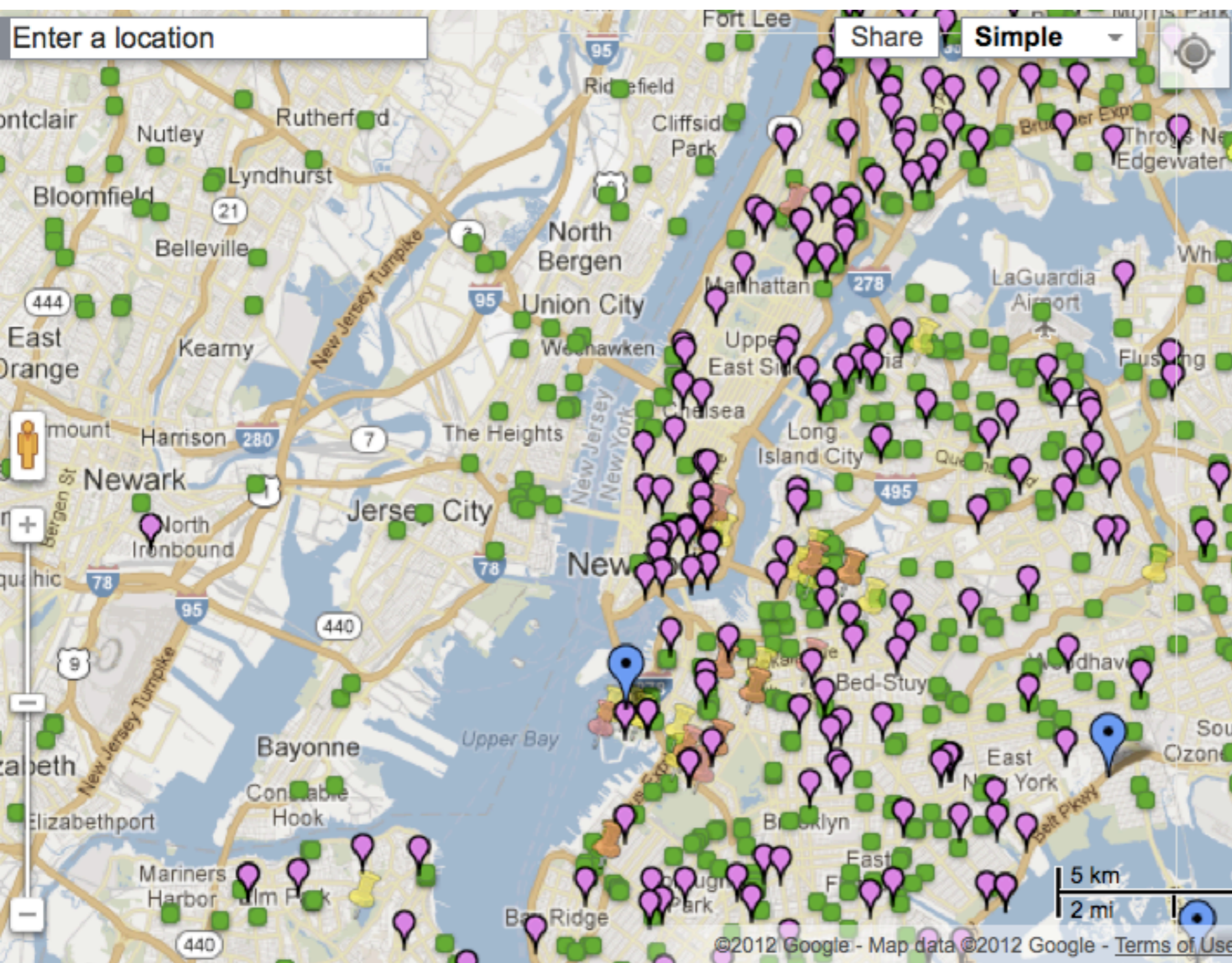
## Advertising expenditure by medium

**US\$ million, current prices** *Currency conversion at 2010 average rates.*

|                | 2010           | 2011           | 2012           | 2013           | 2014           |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Newspapers     | 94,600         | 91,495         | 89,868         | 88,785         | 88,446         |
| Magazines      | 43,741         | 43,122         | 42,681         | 42,464         | 42,186         |
| Television     | 176,627        | 184,290        | 193,735        | 203,608        | 215,737        |
| Radio          | 32,017         | 32,903         | 33,667         | 34,827         | 35,923         |
| Cinema         | 2,313          | 2,442          | 2,564          | 2,732          | 2,916          |
| Outdoor        | 29,824         | 31,291         | 32,928         | 34,559         | 36,350         |
| Internet       | 63,979         | 72,842         | 84,267         | 97,764         | 113,281        |
| <b>Total *</b> | <b>443,100</b> | <b>458,385</b> | <b>479,710</b> | <b>504,738</b> | <b>534,839</b> |

Source: ZenithOptimedia

“open” data for “good”



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Sandy was a major storm that caused extensive flooding, physical damage, power and transportation outages, and fatalities in NY and much of the US East coast.

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2. how might we assess the economic value of data?

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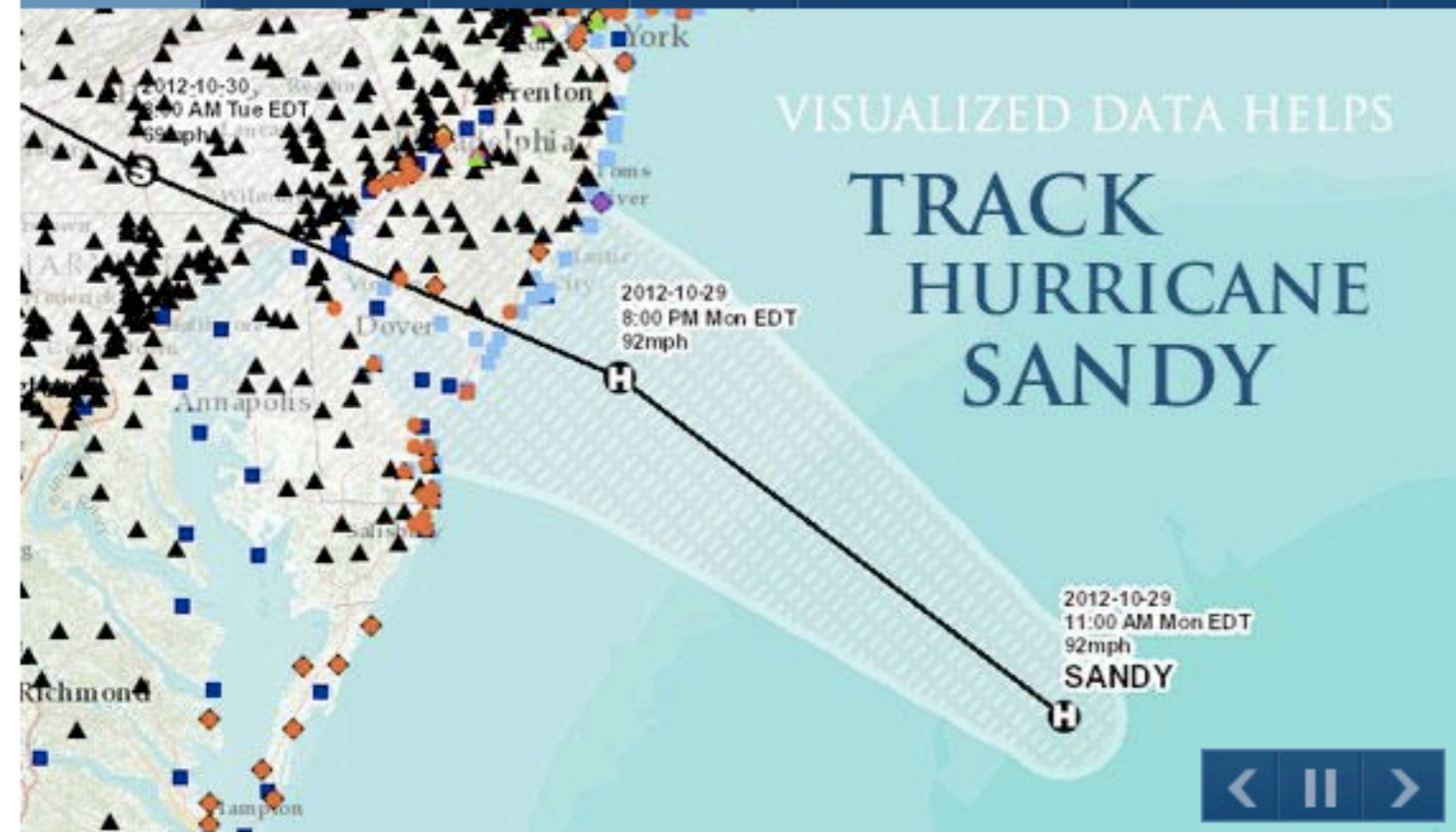
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# commitment.

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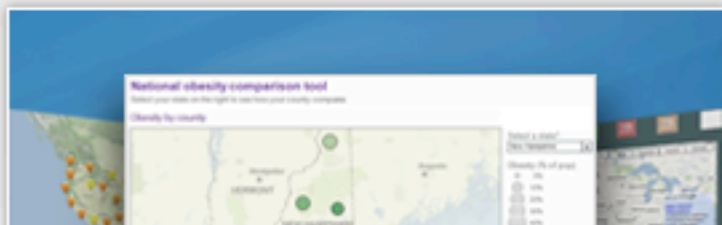
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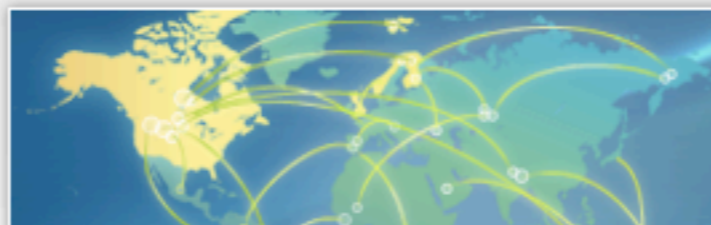
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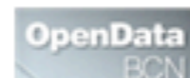
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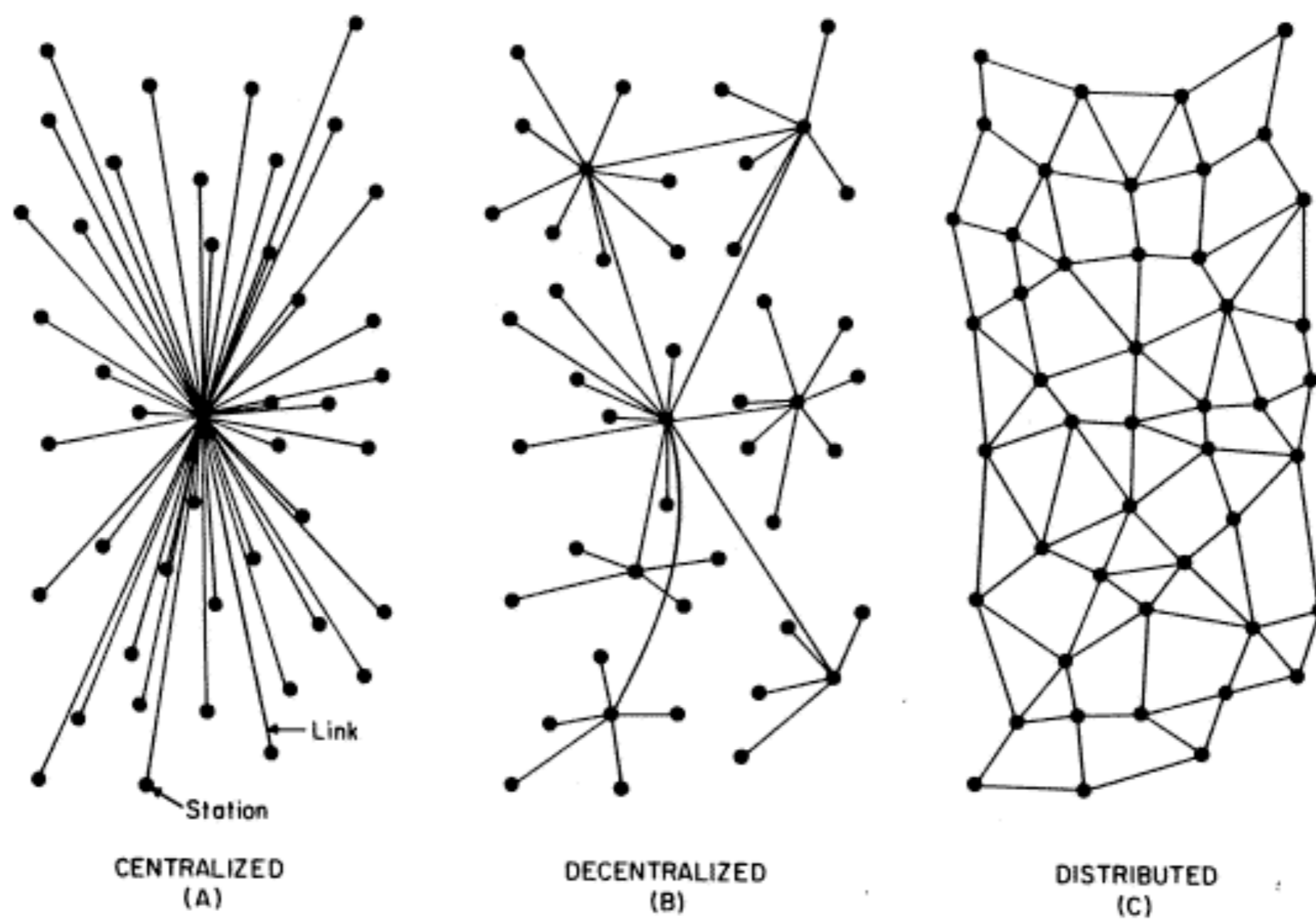
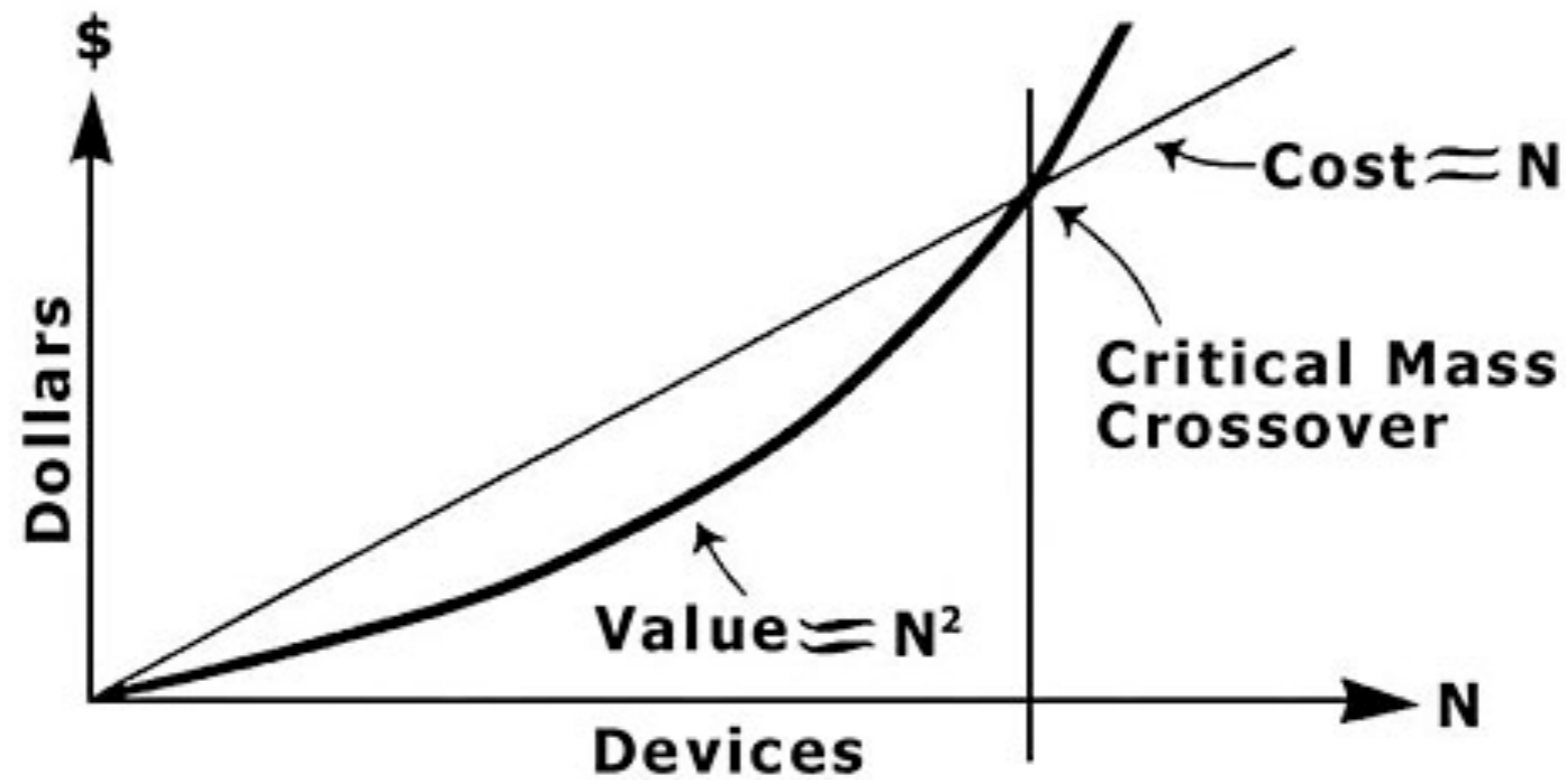


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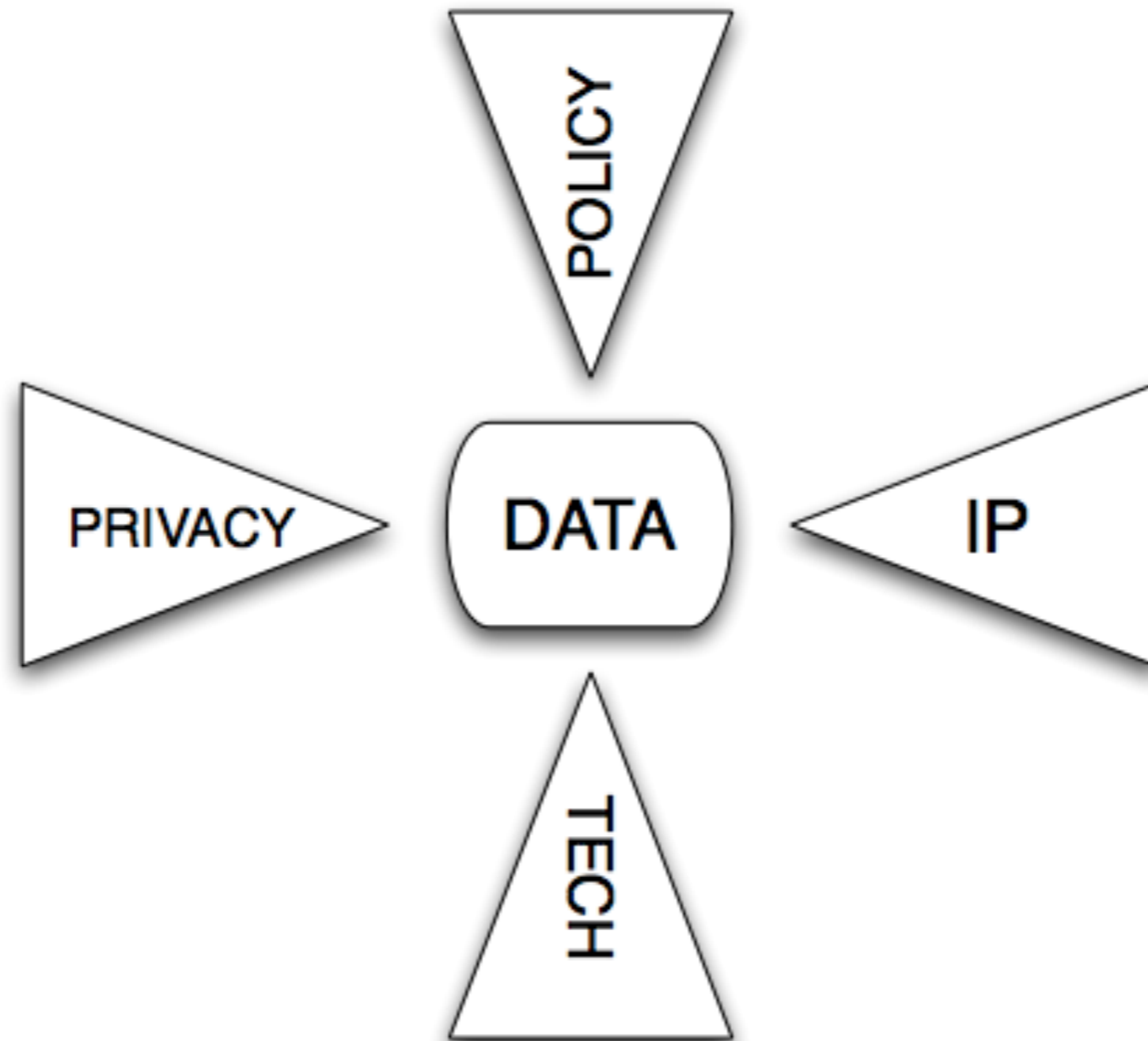
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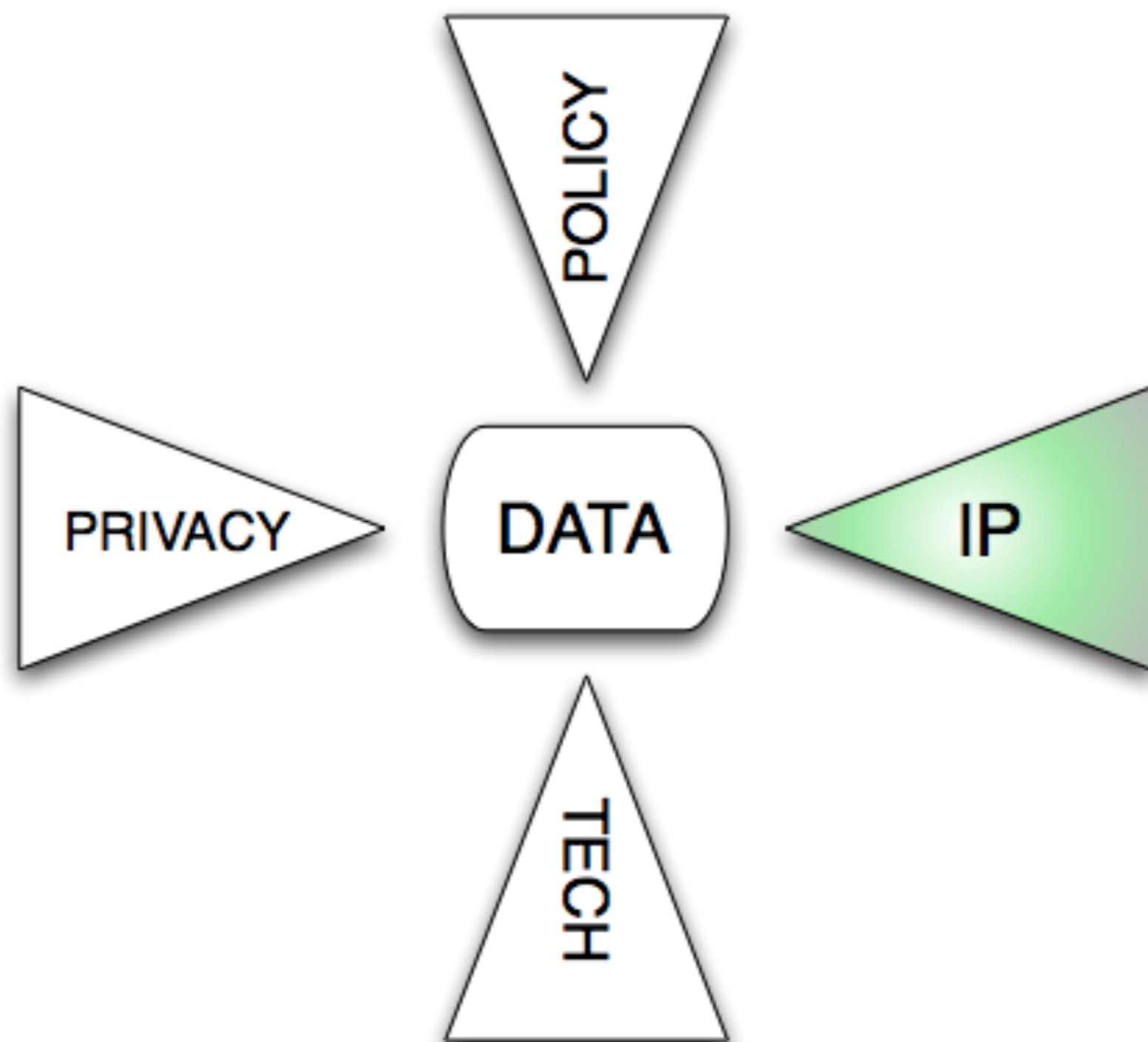
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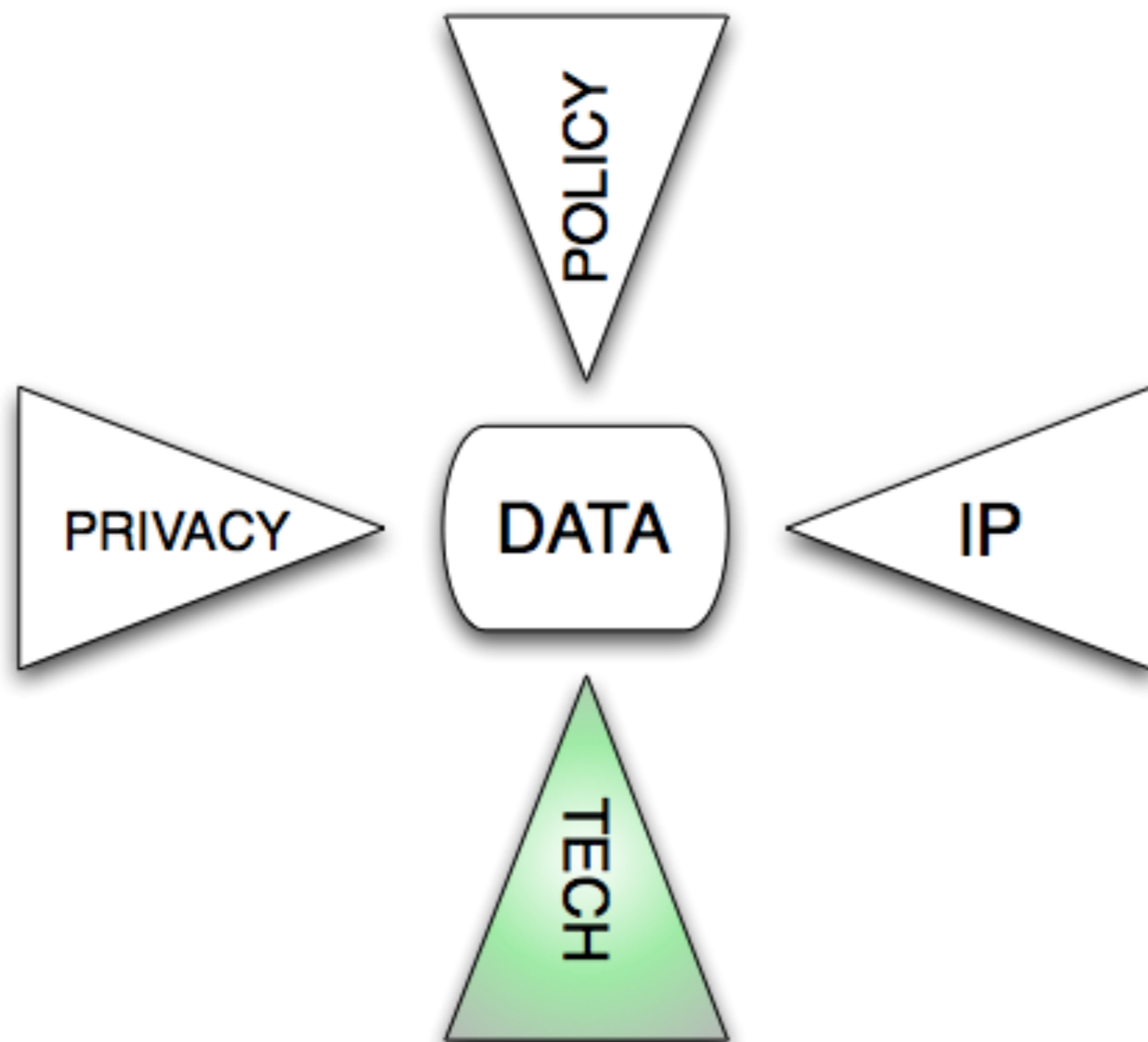
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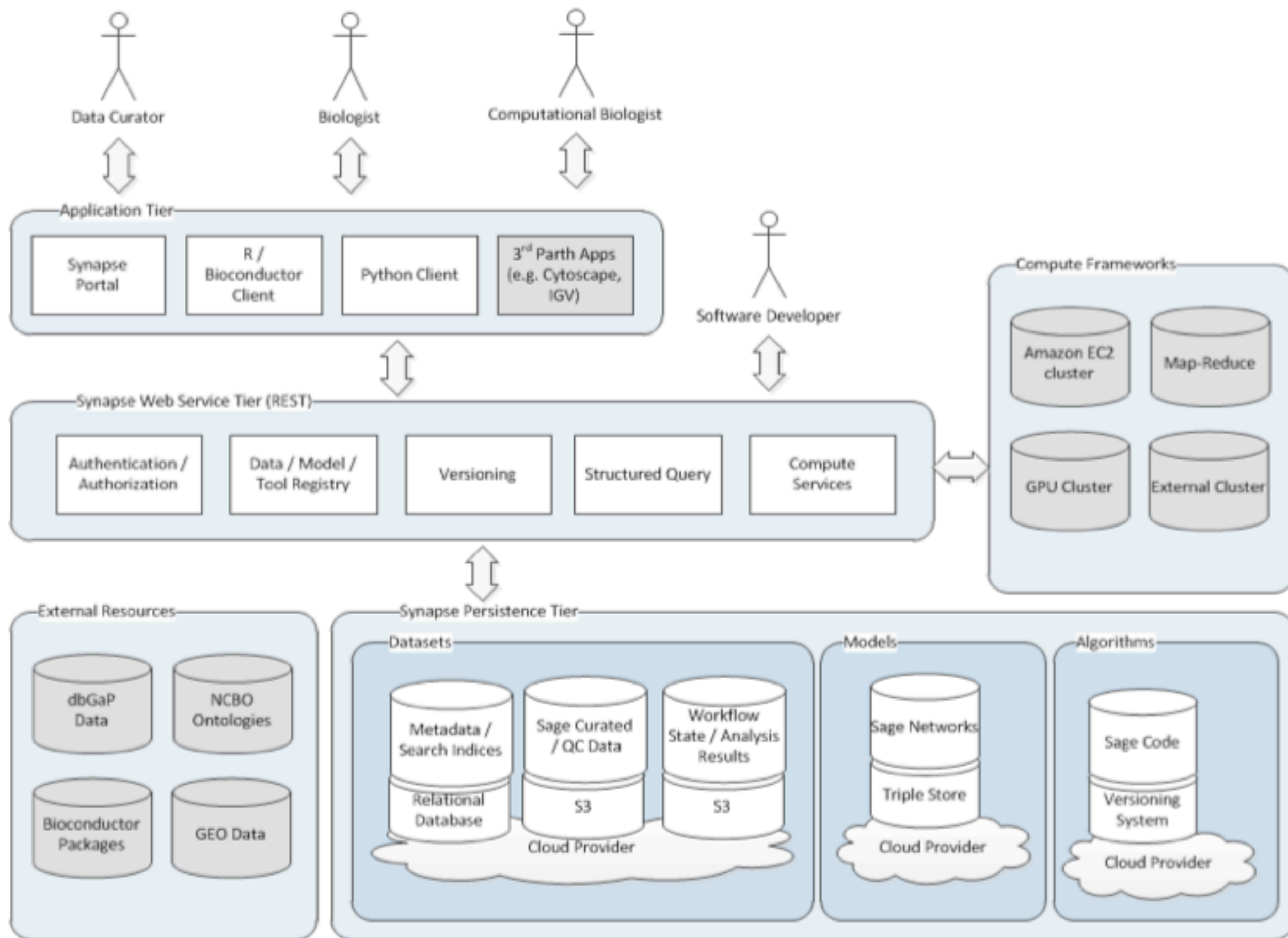
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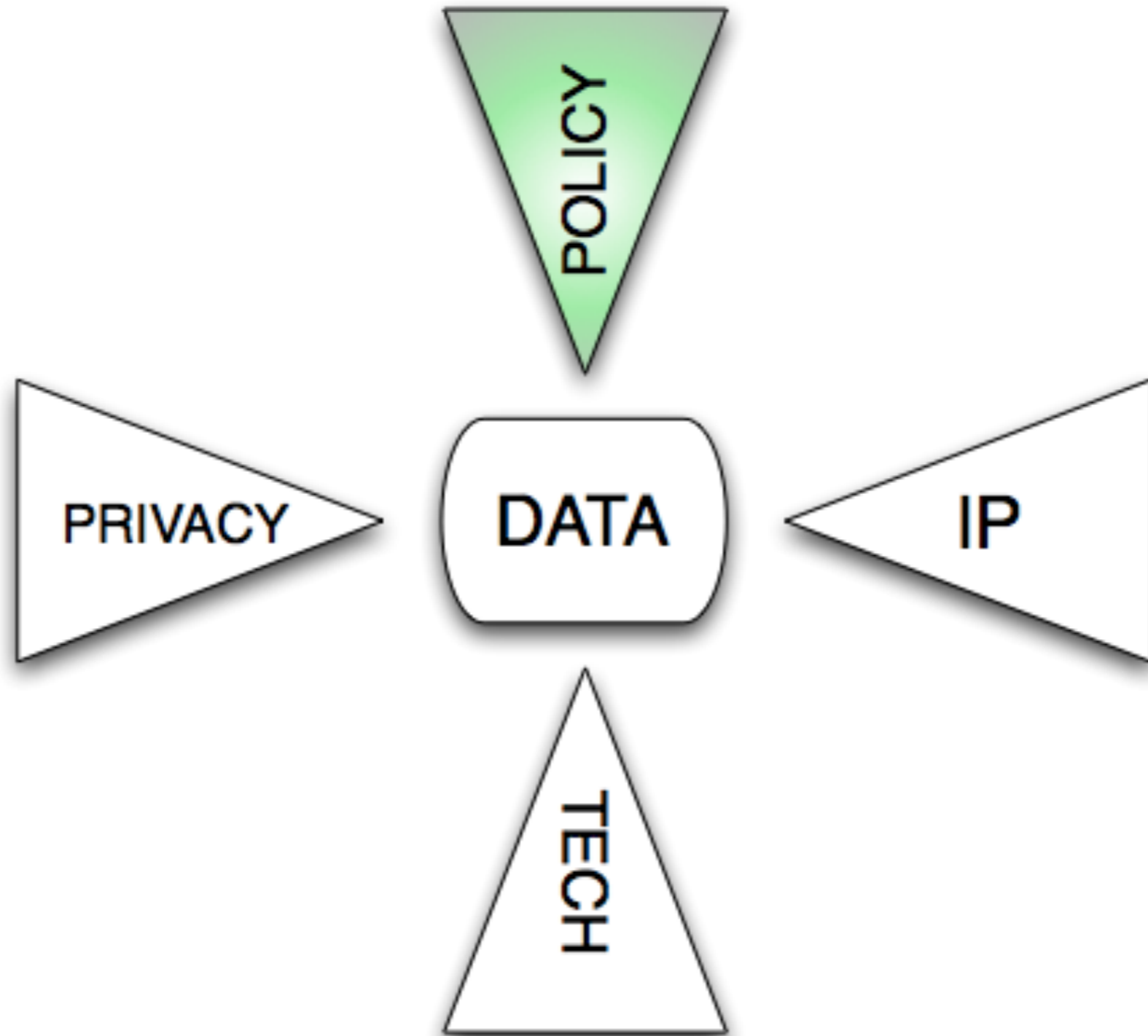
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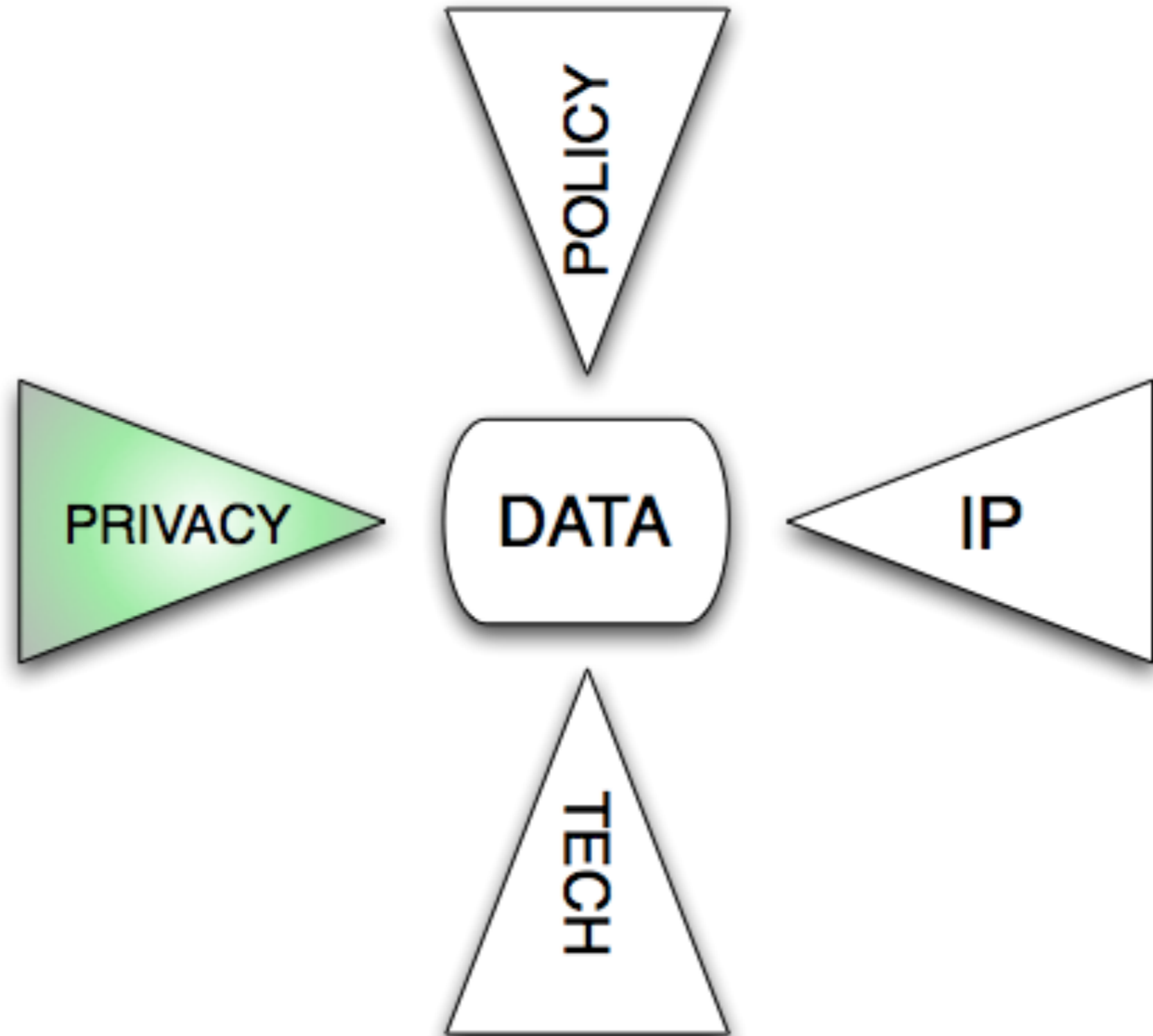
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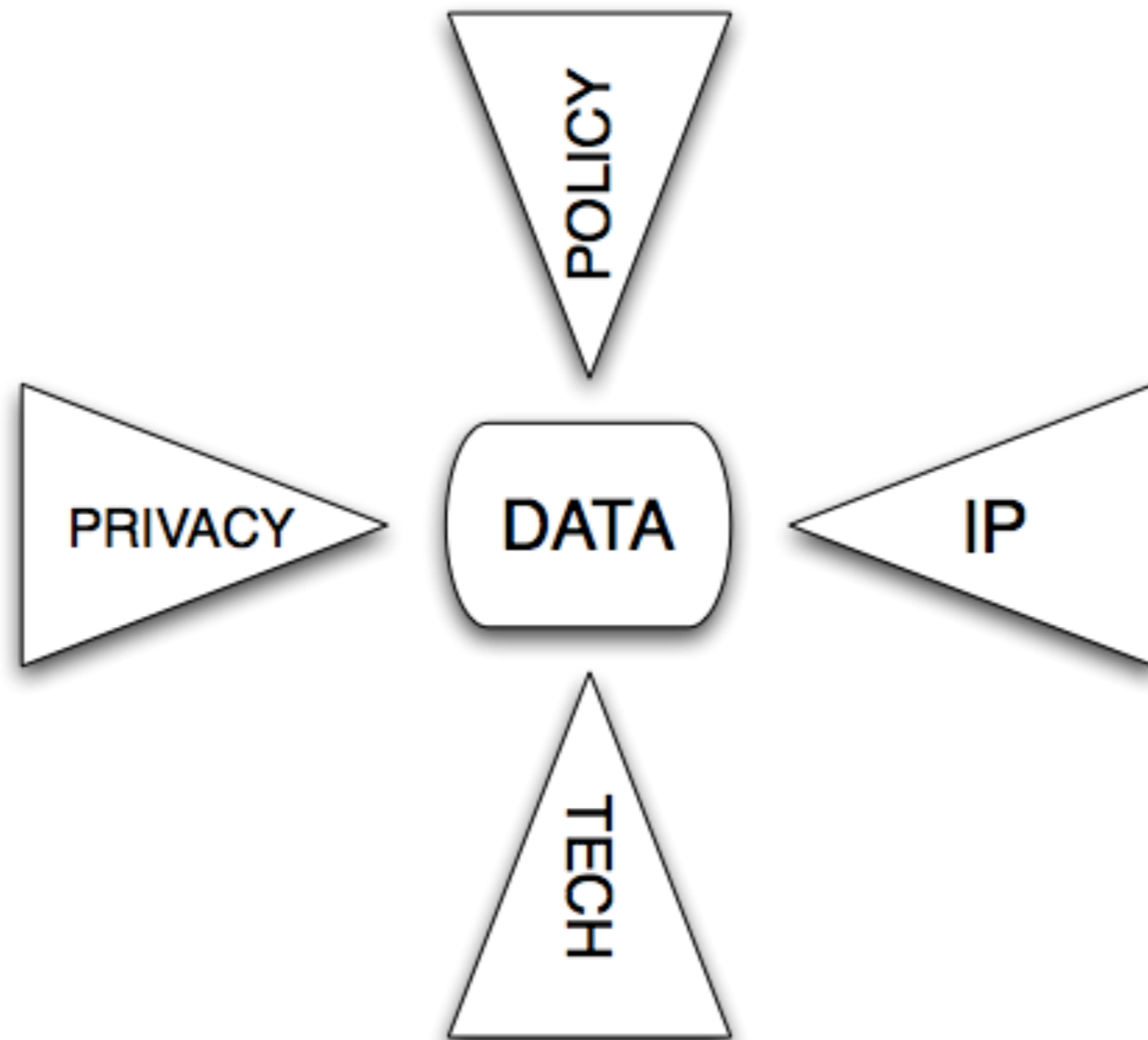




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tension between anonymity and utility  
ease of re-identification  
changing norms of privacy



what tools and approaches  
increase the generativity of  
data?

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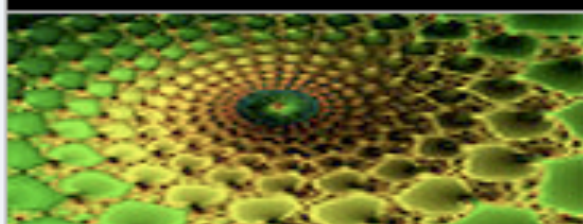
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- No non-fuzzy understanding of why this is useful (“open data is good” is not enough) or of what interventions make open data more useful
- By more useful, we mean: more likely to result in unexpected repurposing of data

3. “scoring” generativity in open government data

accessibility

adaptability

ease  
of mastery

leverage

# observations

- Adaptability correlates to accessibility
  - Legal and technical (both formats and raw downloads) accessibility makes data sets more obvious targets for adaptation
  - Not necessarily causal – some data sets are poorly accessible, but so important, that they are good targets anyway
  - Data.gov sets a good example
  - Accessibility is necessary, but not sufficient, for adaptability
- Accessibility is perhaps the easiest switch to flip if data is not of immediate economic value

# observations

- Adaptability correlates to leverage
  - Easier to do something unexpected if data is adaptable
  - Good annotations / metadata increase adaptability and leverage at the same time
  - Not necessarily causal
  - Domain expertise often needed to make leverage out of data, but is often not the domain expertise used to create the data or annotate it
  - Adaptability and accessibility necessary, but not sufficient, for leverage
- Adaptability is costly compared to accessibility due to need for human engagement in creation of metadata and annotation – and thus is more rare than accessibility.

# observations

- Pursuit of ease of mastery can ignore other three
  - Focus on user experience assumes naïve user, often doesn't expose raw data or address licensing or annotations
  - “Accessibility” when converted to “accessible to the layman” doesn't count in generativity terms for access
  - Ease of mastery often focuses on obscuring the complexity of the data, which can correlate negatively to adaptability or leverage
- However, a focus on ease of mastery + accessibility may be the sweet spot – [click here](#) for laypeople and get UX, [click here](#) if a data scientist and get the raw data

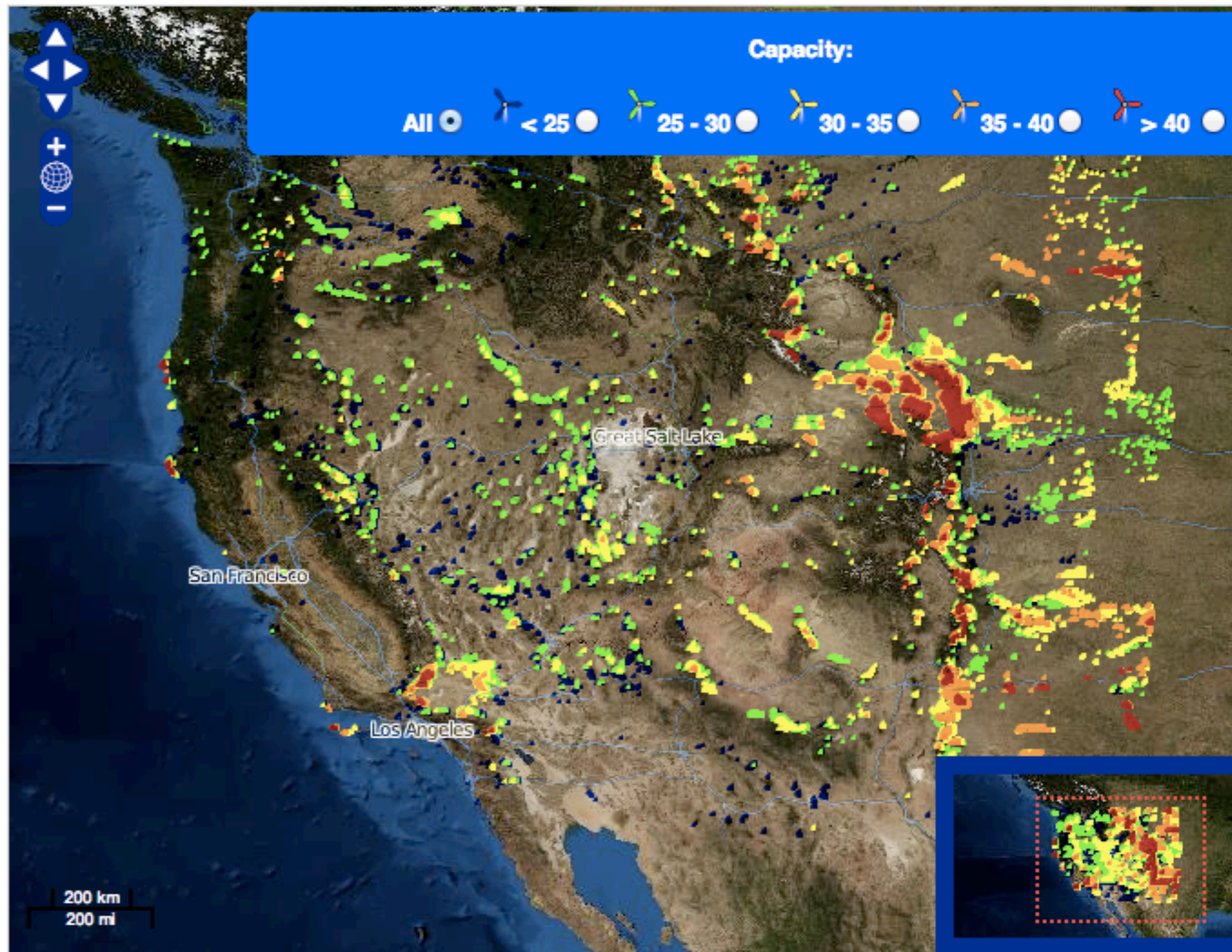
## Western Wind Resources Dataset

This interface gives access to the 30,000+ sites that were modeled by 3TIER as part of the Western Wind and Solar Integration Study.

The data can be accessed in two ways:

- Use interactive map to zoom in and click on a turbine
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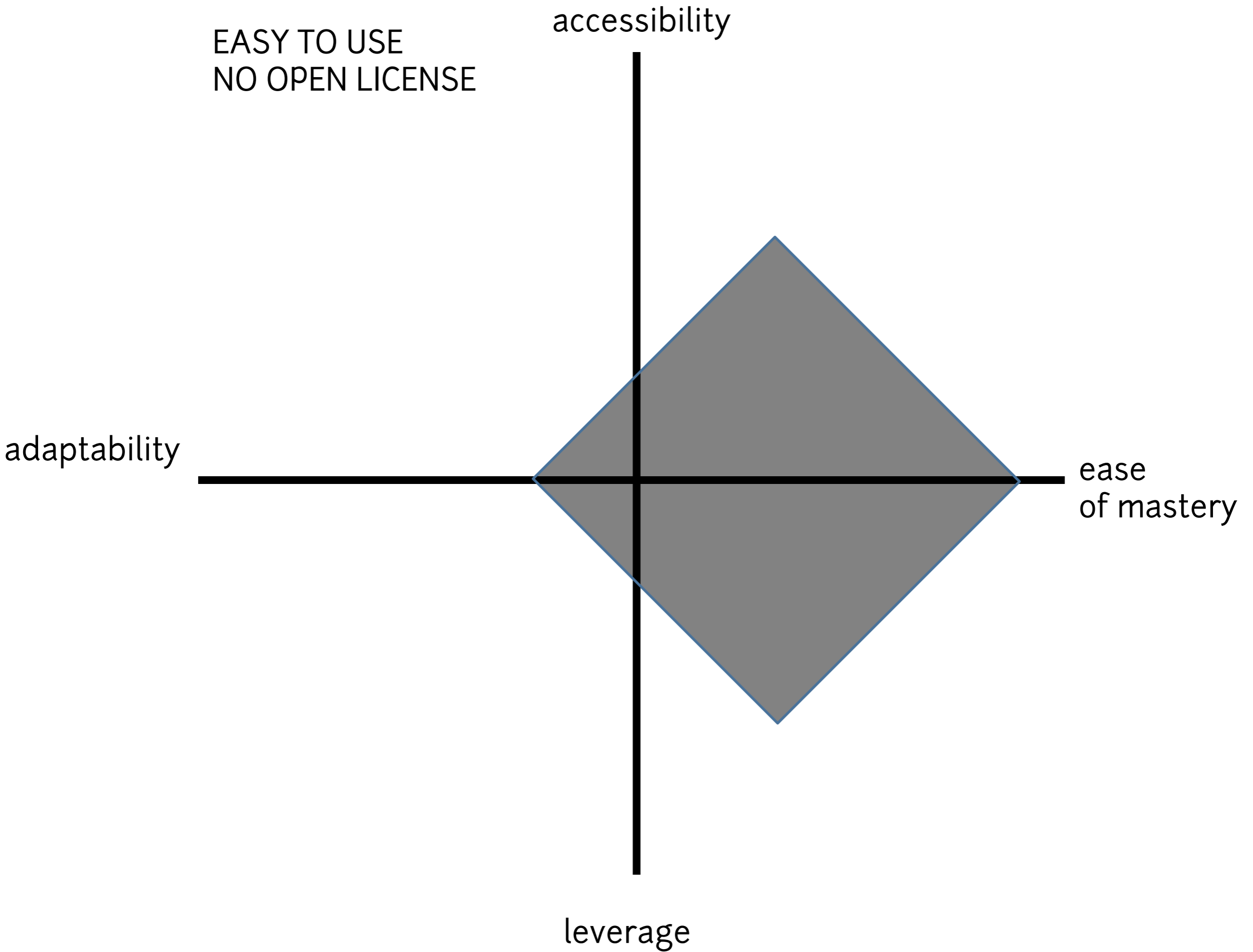
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Each turbine icon represents a site consisting of ten 3 MW Vestas V90 turbines (for a total of 30 MW).

The 30,000+ sites were selected from over 1.2 million points based on pre-existing sites; transmission corridors and RE zones; load correlation and wind power density.

This data was modeled by 3TIER using the Weather Research & Forecasting (WRF) model to downscale the NCEP/NCAR reanalysis data.

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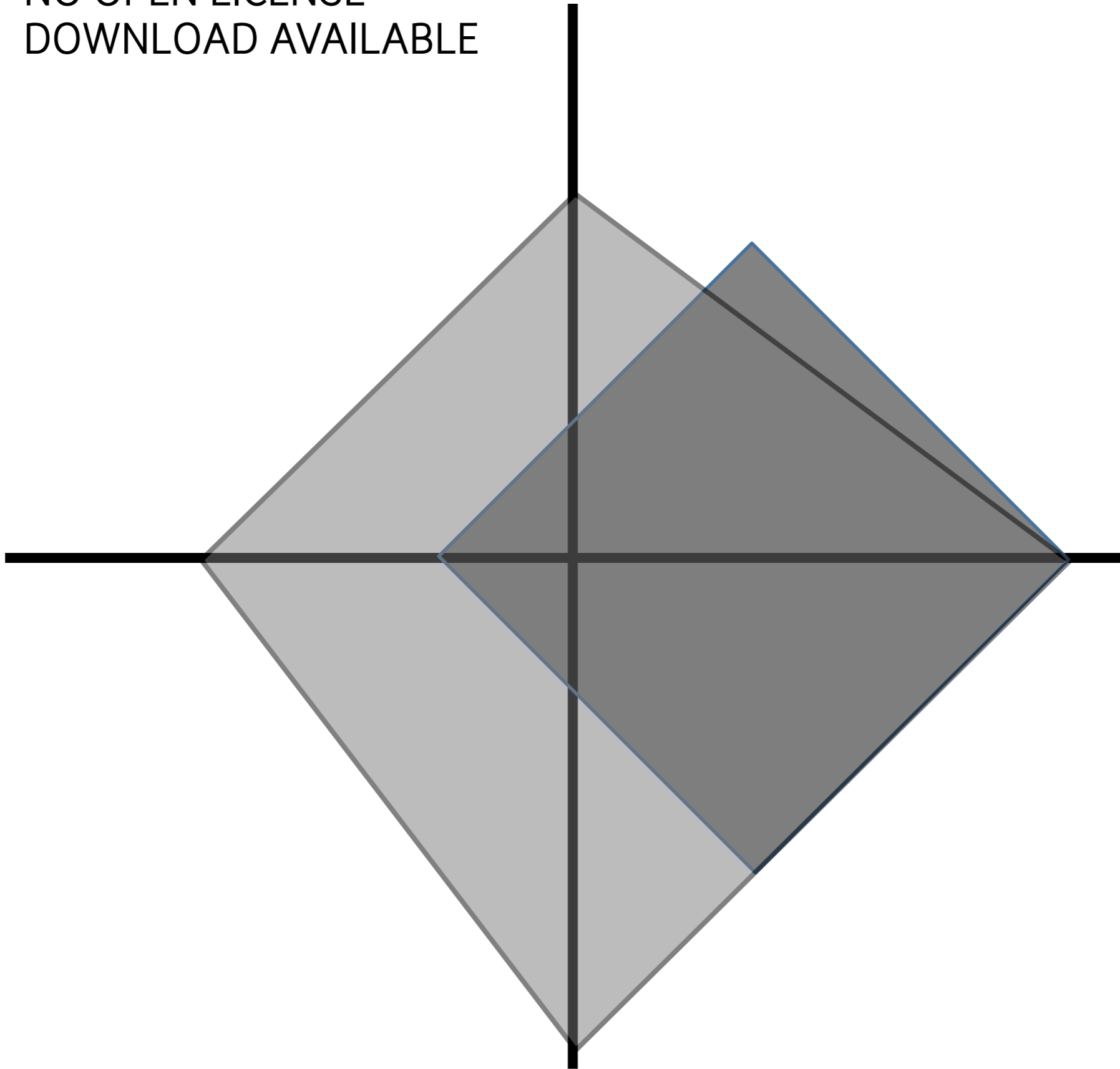
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## **About the Weather Research & Forecasting Model**

The Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model is a next-generation mesoscale numerical weather prediction system designed to serve both operational forecasting and atmospheric research needs. It features multiple dynamical cores, a 3-dimensional variational (3DVAR) data assimilation system, and a software architecture allowing for computational parallelism and system extensibility. WRF is suitable for a broad spectrum of applications across scales ranging from meters to thousands of kilometers.



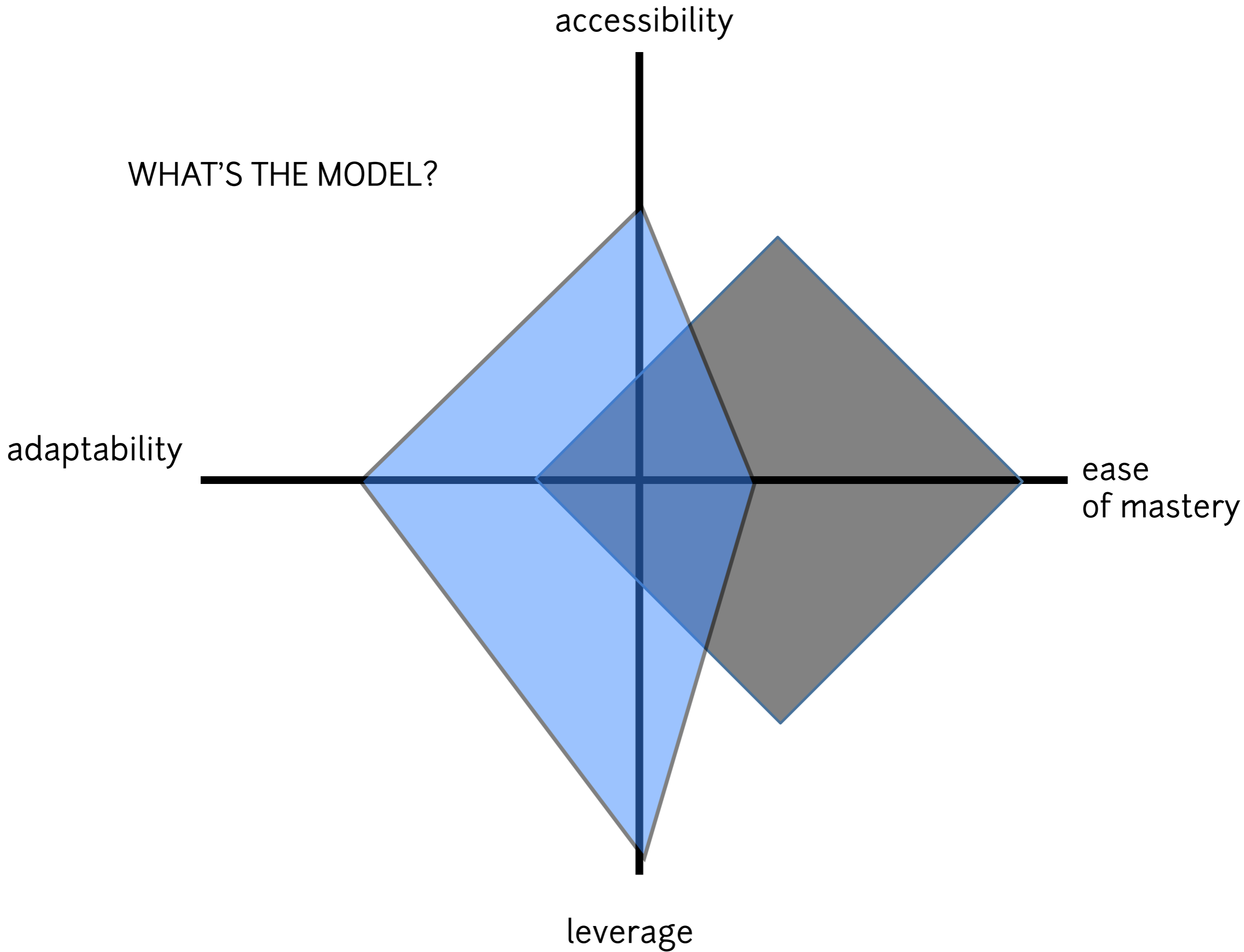
The effort to develop WRF has been a collaborative partnership, principally among the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) and the Forecast Systems Laboratory (FSL), the Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA), the Naval Research Laboratory, the University of Oklahoma, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). WRF allows researchers the ability to conduct simulations reflecting either real data or idealized configurations. WRF provides operational forecasting a model that is flexible and efficient computationally, while offering the advances in physics, numerics, and data assimilation contributed by the research community.

# This is modeled (not measured) wind data

## Western US:

- 3TIER generates historical wind data by running a Numerical Weather Prediction Model using physical conservation equations that 'recreate the weather' for 2004-6.
- They sampled the weather at a 1 arc-minute (~2km) spatial and 10 minute temporal resolution, and at 5 hub heights (10, 20, 50, 100, 200m).
- Based on a limited number of actual tower measurements for that time period, they did a sophisticated adjustment of (MOS-corrected) the model so that the data more accurately reflects actual wind speed measurements.
- Validation reports comparing the model wind speed results to actual data will be produced by 3TIER when their modeling is complete.
- 3TIER used SCORE-lite to convert wind speed to power output, assuming a Vestas V90 3 MW turbine at 100m hub height. Each grid point can hold 10 turbines or a 30 MW wind plant. The SCORE-lite process applies a probability distribution function to the manufacturer's power curve to replicate actual wind farm output.
- 3TIER produced hourly forecasts for day-ahead wind power output for the 30,000 selected sites.

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### TCGA Data Portal Overview

We provide 3 ways to download data: The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) Data Portal provides a platform for researchers to search, download, and analyze data sets generated by TCGA. It contains clinical information, genomic characterization data, and high-throughput sequencing analysis of the tumor genomes.

The TCGA Data Portal does not host lower levels of sequence data. NCI's [Cancer Genomics Hub \(CGHub\)](#)  is the new secure repository for storing, cataloging, and accessing BAM files and metadata for sequencing data. New users must still apply for authorized access through NCBI's [Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes \(dbGaP\)](#) .

Download Data 

Choose from three ways to  
download data

| Available Cancer Types                         | # Cases Shipped<br>by BCR | # Cases with<br>Data <sup>*</sup> | Date Last Updated<br>(mm/dd/yy) |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Acute Myeloid Leukemia [LAML]</a>  | 200                       | 200                               | 07/16/13                        |
| <a href="#">Adrenocortical carcinoma [ACC]</a> | 80                        | 80                                | 07/22/13                        |

### Announcements

#### 06/13/2013 - DCC Software Released

The software release scheduled for today is complete and the TCGA Data Portal has been returned to normal operation. As part of this release, a new version of the TCGA Archive Validator has been provided and we strongly suggest that data submitting centers download and use this new version. The TCGA Archive Validator can be found on the TCGA Wiki [here](#).

A complete list of the items addressed in this release can be found on the TCGA Wiki [here](#) and for those with JIRA access the tickets covered in this release can be found on the wiki [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about this release, contact [tcga-dcc-binf-l@list.nih.gov](mailto:tcga-dcc-binf-l@list.nih.gov).

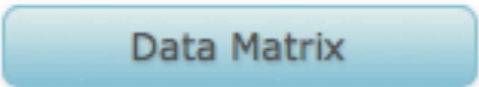
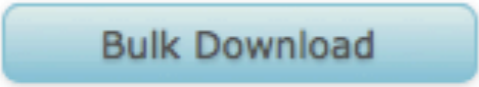
#### 05/21/2013 - DCC Software Released

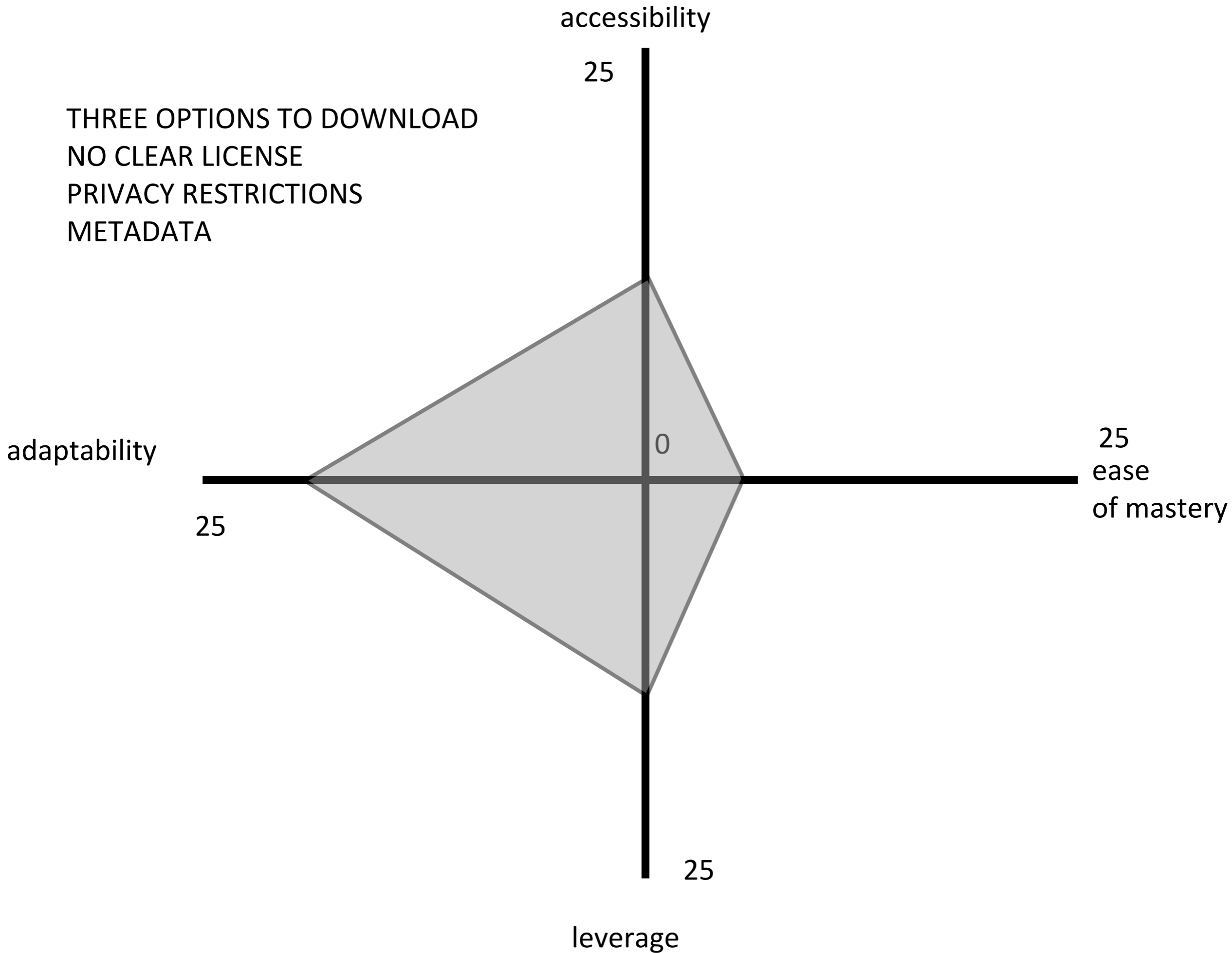
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**IMPORTANT:** Data downloaders are urged to use the data annotation search interface (<https://tcga-data.nci.nih.gov/annotations/>) to query the case, sample, and aliquot identifiers in their download to obtain the latest information associated with their data.

We provide 3 ways to download data:

| Method   | What it offers   | When to use it  |
|--|--|---|
|   | Select and download subsets of data by center, platform and data types.<br><br>Includes: Level 1, 2 and 3 data<br><br>Access the <a href="#">FAQ</a>   | Use when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You want to download data as tab-delimited text</li><li>You only want a subset of the data</li></ul>                        |
|   | A form that helps you locate files in the data archives.<br><br>Includes: Level 1, 2, 3 and limited level 4 data   | Use when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You want to download bulk datasets as provided by the research centers</li></ul>  |
| <b>Access HTTP Directories</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Open-access HTTP Directory</a></li><li><a href="#">Controlled-Access HTTP Directory</a></li></ul> | Direct access to the HTTP directories where the data archives are stored.<br><br>Includes: Level 1, 2, 3 and limited level 4 data.<br><br>Login is required for the Controlled-access HTTP Directory. See <a href="#">controlled-access requirements</a> . | Use when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You know how to use HTTP directories and you prefer to find files yourself rather than use the Bulk Download form</li></ul> |



which patients have tumor and normal  
samples amidst a group of cellfiles?



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## SCR TCGA

Added by Brig Mecham, last edited by Brig Mecham on Jun 11, 2012 ([view change](#))

The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) is an effort to generate and distribute high-throughput molecular data from more than 20 distinct cancers. For each cancer a variety of different molecular features are profiled for tens to hundreds of individual tumors. This data is a vital resource in the on-going fight against cancer.

Through the Synapse Commons Repository (SCR) we provide access to the unrestricted TCGA data [available through their data portal](#). We have also standardized the clinical phenotypes to our Synapse Ontology, simplifying integrating these data with other cancer data contributed to the SCR.

### Feedback

Please provide comm below.

### Crawling TCGA

The TCGA data is organized by cancer-type, platform or technology, and then batch. Our crawler creates a unique layer for each cancer-type, platform, and batch in Synapse. [Read this for more information.](#)

### Standardizing Clinical Phenotypes

Read here for details on accessing clinical phenotype data: [Handling Clinical Phenotype Data](#)

# SCR TCGA Clinical-Phenotypes

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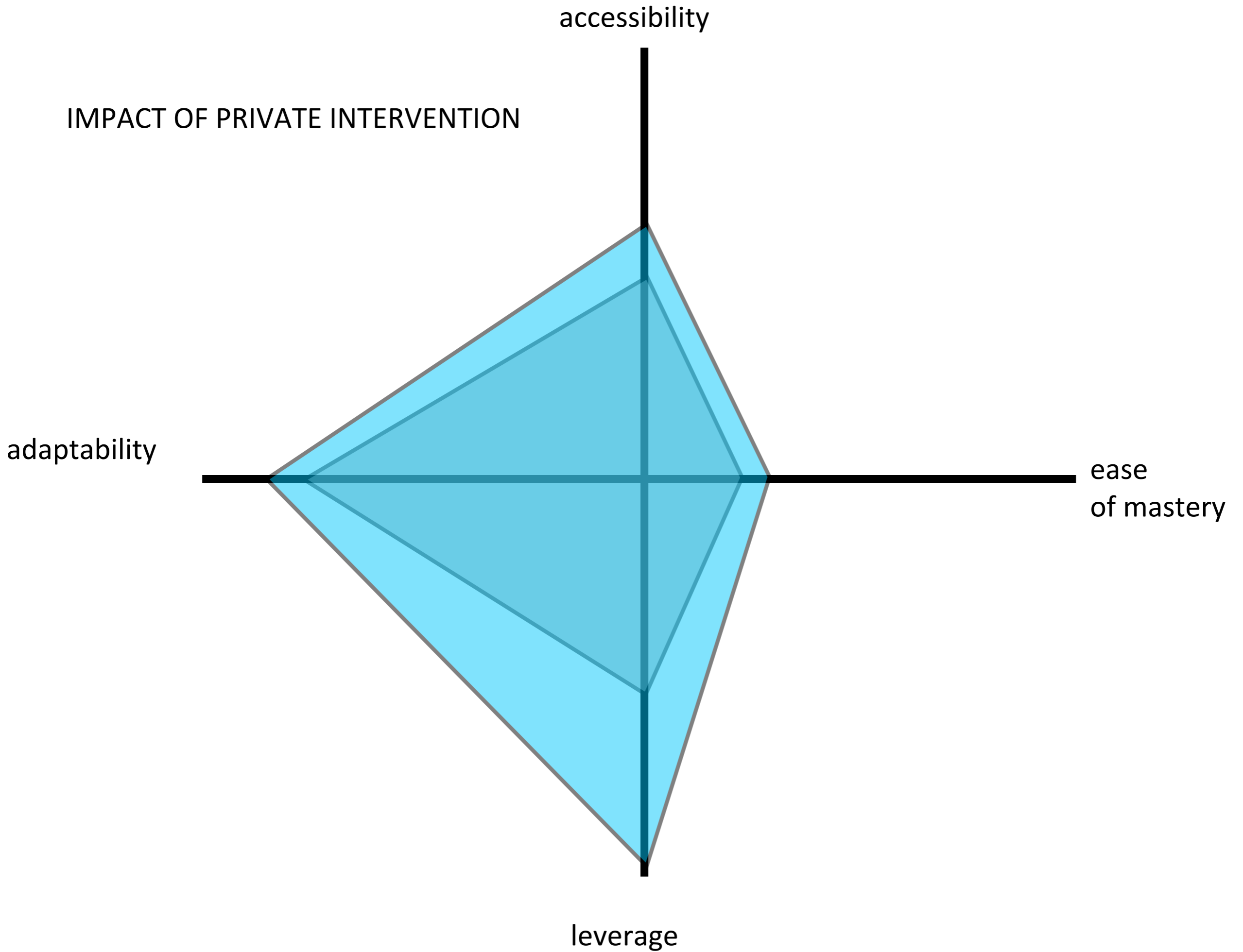
## Introduction

Our TCGA crawler simply builds layers for every file it finds on the TCGA ftp site. Each layers contain a location which allows users to work with the corresponding TCGA files through Synapse; for example, by using the `getEntity` or `loadEntity` commands in R. Before describing what we've done we'll briefly introduce the clinical information available from TCGA. First are the clinical files that contain information about the patients, their tumors, and the process used to generate data from any aliquot of biological material assayed by TCGA. Linking aliquots of genomic material to a specific data file is accomplished by merging the MAGE-tab files. Each technology used to process data from a given cancer has one or many MAGE-tab files. By merging these files we can get information about which patients DNA sample was hybridized to which Affy SNP 6.0 CEL file, as well the corresponding clinical variables about the patient (e.g. age, gender, stage), and some understanding of the experimental process used to generate the data (e.g. batches, collection centers, etc). Here we demonstrate how to access this information through the `rSCR` R library.

## `handleTcgaClinical()`

We developed an R function to merge all the information from a given cancer type into a single file. The following R command demonstrates how to use the R Synapse Client to download the clinical layers from Rectal Adenocarcinoma (READ) cancer.

```
> library(rSCR)
> ent <- loadEntity('syn220876')
```







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## **Executive Order -- Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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MAKING OPEN AND MACHINE READABLE THE NEW DEFAULT  
FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

open as in philosophy or  
open as in methodology?

lots of implicit assumptions  
about data, scale, openness,  
value(s), justice, law,  
innovation.

free as in speech or free  
as in beer?



# Estimated Yearly Costs of Pet Ownership

Stephen Zawistowski, Ph.D., Sr. VP Animal Sciences, ASPCA

| Costs           | Notes | Small Dog | Medium Dog | Large Dog | Cat      | Rabbit   | Guinea Pig | Small Mammal |   |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|---|
| Annual Costs    |       |           |            |           |          |          |            |              |   |
| Food            | 1     | \$150.00  | \$250.00   | \$350.00  | \$120.00 | \$110.00 | \$75.00    | \$50.00      | : |
| Medical         | 2     | \$150.00  | \$175.00   | \$200.00  | \$150.00 | \$125.00 | \$50.00    |              |   |
| Litter          | 3     |           |            |           | \$150.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00   | \$220.00     |   |
| Toys/Treats     |       | \$50.00   | \$60.00    | \$70.00   | \$50.00  | \$25.00  | \$25.00    | \$10.00      | : |
| License         |       | \$15.00   | \$15.00    | \$15.00   |          |          |            |              |   |
| Misc.           |       | \$35.00   | \$45.00    | \$65.00   | \$30.00  | \$15.00  | \$15.00    | \$15.00      | : |
| Annual Total    |       | \$400.00  | \$545.00   | \$700.00  | \$500.00 | \$675.00 | \$565.00   | \$295.00     | : |
| Capital Costs   |       |           |            |           |          |          |            |              |   |
| Spay/neuter     |       | \$75.00   | \$100.00   | \$125.00  | \$75.00  | \$75.00  |            |              |   |
| Collar/Leash    |       | \$25.00   | \$30.00    | \$35.00   | \$10.00  |          |            |              |   |
| Litter box      |       |           |            |           | \$25.00  | \$25.00  |            |              |   |
| Cage            |       |           |            |           |          | \$80.00  | \$80.00    | \$35.00      | : |
| Carrier         |       | \$30.00   | \$50.00    | \$80.00   | \$30.00  | \$30.00  |            |              |   |
| Crate           |       | \$50.00   | \$90.00    | \$160.00  |          |          |            |              |   |
| Aquarium eqpt.  | 4     |           |            |           |          |          |            |              |   |
| Capital Total   |       | \$180.00  | \$270.00   | \$400.00  | \$140.00 | \$210.00 | \$80.00    | \$35.00      | : |
| Special Costs   |       |           |            |           |          |          |            |              |   |
| Long Hair Groom |       | \$200.00  | \$300.00   | \$400.00  |          |          |            |              |   |



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